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**Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

The amendment document filed on 27 December 2005 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____.
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - ☐ C. Other _____.
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☐ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☒ E. Other: See attachment.
- ☐ 5. Other (e.g., the amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4):

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

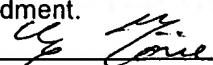
1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action. If any of above boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.


Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE), if applicable

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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 27 December 2005 accompanying a petition to revive the present application, the petition having been granted on 17 March 2006, is considered non-compliant under 37 CFR 1.121 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendments to Claim 20 do not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2). Specifically, it appears that text that is not newly added has been underlined (as though it were new) and text that was not previously present in the claim has been shown with strike-through (as though it had been deleted). The text of added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text, and any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through. Further, there is text that is shown both underlined and struck-through. Because of the above, it is not possible to accurately determine the present text of the claim.

2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Examiner's Note

3. The Examiner notes that although the amendments to the claims in the present response appear to overcome some of the issues of indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as noted in the Final rejection (mailed 05 May 2005), other issues specifically noted in the Final rejection have not been addressed. For example, Claims 23 and 32 still recite the limitation "deciding the step of outputting", which was previously noted as being generally unclear because it is not clear what, specifically, regarding the step of outputting is decided. Further, the amendments also appear to introduce new issues of indefiniteness. For example, the use of the term "some", which has been added to independent Claim 14 (see lines 2 and 3 of page 3 of the present response), renders the claims indefinite because the term "some" does not provide a specific numerical range or explicit basis for comparison. The above is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the remaining issues of indefiniteness that were previously noted, or of the new issues of indefiniteness raised by the amendments of the present response. Applicant is encouraged to address these issues of indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, when filing the corrections to bring the present response into compliance with 37 CFR 1.121; however, the Examiner notes that this is not required for such a correction to be fully responsive.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachary A. Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3870. The examiner can normally be reached on weekdays 8:30-6:00, alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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